

*The League of Women Voters of Portland Education Fund
and the Citizens Utility Board of Oregon present:*



Cleaning up the Willamette

The Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

7:00 – 8:45 pm

Multnomah County Building Board Room

501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland, OR

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This is the fourth in a six-part series:

“Solving Problems Together, Civic Education Discussions with Experts”

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MODERATOR:

JANICE THOMPSON joined the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) in 2014 as consumer advocate for Portland's public utilities. Janice came to CUB after 16 years working on democracy reform issues. She began her career at the Minnesota Energy Agency with a focus on environmental assessment of energy facilities and community based energy programs. Janice is also a member of the League of Women Voters of Portland.

SPEAKERS:

KRISTINE KOCH has worked for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) since 1998. She is currently a Project Manager in EPA's Superfund program and has worked on the Portland Harbor Superfund site since 2005. She has also worked in the Office of Water as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit writer, for the Department of Defense in Environmental Engineering and for General Electric as a design engineer in their Nuclear Energy division. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington.

ROSE LONGORIA is the Regional Superfund Projects Coordinator at the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation with responsibility to initiate and oversee response and restoration actions that affect the Yakama Nation's Treaty reserved rights and interests throughout the Pacific Northwest. Rose's efforts to reduce and eliminate contamination in the Columbia River Basin is part of Yakama Nation's coordinated effort to cleanup and restore the Columbia River. Rose graduated from Heritage University with a Bachelors in Environmental Science and has over 20 years of environmental protection experience.

BARBARA SMITH is the spokesperson for the Lower Willamette Group. The LWG is the group of local governments and businesses who stepped forward to work with EPA and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the environmental study of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. The LWG is only a few of the

hundreds of parties identified by EPA who may have potential responsibility for the cleanup. Barbara has worked on the Portland Harbor project since 2001.

BOB SALLINGER has worked for Audubon Society of Portland since 1992 and currently serves as the Society's conservation director. His responsibilities include developing Audubon's local, regional and national conservation priorities. In addition to his work at Audubon, Bob also serves as on the Portland Parks Board, as an elected director East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District and as an adjunct law professor at Lewis and Clark Law School. He represents the Audubon Society on the Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group. Bob has a B.A. in Biology from Reed College and a J.D. from Lewis and Clark Law School.

JOINING THE PANEL TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS:

CAMI GRANDINETTI is the Remedial Cleanup Program Manager in the Superfund Office, US EPA, Region 10, Seattle. She has served in the Superfund program for 24 years and is a civil engineer.

MATT MCCLINCY is the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Project Manager for the Portland Harbor Environmental Clean-up Site.

BASED ON INFORMATION FROM

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WEBSITE:

The Portland Harbor Superfund Site in Portland, Oregon, is the result of more than a century of industrial use along the Willamette River. Water and sediments along Portland Harbor are contaminated with many hazardous substances, including heavy metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), dioxin, and pesticides. These compounds have been found to be harmful to people and the environment.

Because of the contamination, some types of fish found in Portland Harbor, such as bass, carp and catfish currently pose a health risk to those who eat them.

Portland Harbor was added to EPA's National Priorities List in December 2000. The current study area extends from the Broadway Bridge to the Columbia Slough.

CURRENT STATUS

EPA is developing a proposed cleanup plan that will be released in the spring of 2016.

There will be a series of public meetings to discuss the proposed plan. The public will have an opportunity review the plan and submit formal comments.

Now is the time then, to learn more, ask questions and hear information about Portland Harbor so you will be ready before the Plan is released.

Come to one of the upcoming community information sessions offered by EPA to learn more about Portland Harbor Superfund Site and the options we are considering for cleaning up the river. The sessions will include:

- Portland Harbor background, health risks and why EPA is taking action;
- Information about cleanup options;
- Next steps for public participation/comment during the Proposed Plan release.

To learn more or receive updated notifications contact Alanna Conley (conley.alanna@epa.gov), 503-326-6831 or check their website at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/ph/Portland+Harbor+Superfund+Site>

The Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group is also hosting informational forums. Their website is: <http://www.portlandharborcag.info/>

Other informational websites include:

- <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/cu/nwr/portlandharbor/>
- <http://www.willamette-riverkeeper.org/WRK/index.html>

NOTE:

The League of Women
voters had their own

sign-in sheet for the
event, so EPA did not
sign folks in.

There were approximately
45 people in attendance.

Meeting Date: 2/9/2016

**EPA Portland Harbor Superfund
Community Information and Discussion Sessions**

Thursday, Feb. 11, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 NE Knott St.

Thursday, Feb. 18, 6 pm-8 pm Wilson High School Cafeteria, 1151 SW Vermont St.

Thursday, March 3, Live webinar – online session. More information TBA

Thursday, March 17, 6 pm-8 pm SE Multicultural Center, 4610 SE Belmont St.

Saturday, March 19, 11:30 am-1:30 pm Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 NE Knott St

Saturday, March 26, 11:30 am-1:30 pm OMSI, 1945 SE Water Ave.

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group Forums

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7 – 9 pm, Linnton Community Center, 10614 NW St. Helens Rd.

Tuesday, March 29, 7 – 9 pm, Location TBA

Tuesday, April 26, 7 – 9 pm, Portland Building Auditorium

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK:

1. How helpful was the information your heard in this program about the Portland Harbor Superfund Site? (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor)
2. Please suggest ways to improve our civic education programs and topics or issues you would like us to address next year: